

WHAT IS ARTOBER?.....

In 2015 the City of Bangor designated the month of October as the “Month of the Arts,” officially celebrating the diverse and exciting creative culture in the Queen City. To that end, the many organizations, businesses and individuals that are part of Bangor’s creative scene have worked hard to offer a compelling array of events on nearly every day of the month -- more than 60 in total, from art shows and movie screenings to dance and music performances and workshops. ARTober, in its inaugural year, was planned by the City of Bangor’s Commission for Cultural Development, with generous help from the Maine Community Foundation. More information can be found online at bangormaine.gov/artober. ***Please note that the events listed here are subject to change.***

October 1: Noon - Does The American Revolution Look Different from the Penobscot Valley? A Discussion with Professor Liam Riordan at Bangor Historical Society Thomas A. Hill House Museum, 159 Union Street.

OCTOBER 1, 8 AND 15: Family Art Night at the Maine Discovery Museum, Thursdays, 6-8 p.m. Make a piece of art with your child for these three consecutive workshops. Free with admission.

OCTOBER 1, 8, 15, 22 AND 29: Discovery Club: ARTober at the Maine Discovery Museum. 3:15-4 p.m. each Thursday. Drop your child off after school and have them make an art project. As part of ARTober, Discovery Club will be FREE on Thursdays!

October 1-30: Bangor Ballet photo exhibit in partnership with FinePrints Photo at 14 State Street

OCTOBER 1-31: Bangor Art Society Skywalk Art Show; artists from the BAS will display their work on the skywalk in between Bangor International Airport and the Four Points Sheraton hotel.

OCTOBER 2: Art opening, reception and artist talk by Belfast artist Abigail Read for her exhibit, “Library: The Stories We Are,” 26-foot long book installation, 6:30-7:30 p.m. up through November at The Rock & Art Shop, Central Street, downtown Bangor.

OCTOBER 2-31: River City Cinema is partnering with other local organizations to bring art on screen with their ARTober Film Screening Series in October. A complete schedule will be available in September at www.rivercitycinema.org; check back often to see what screenings are planned!

OCTOBER 2-31: PechaKucha Table Talks, various locations throughout the month. A PechaKucha Table Talk is a one-off DIY presentation in a public space. Anyone can sign up to present on various dates and time set up throughout the city of Bangor. PechaKucha Bangor will have a schedule of Table Talks available at the beginning of October.

OCTOBER 2: Opening of new exhibits at the University of Maine Museum of Art, including Natural History: Traer Scott, Celebrating Photography in Maine: Selections from the Bruce Brown Collection, and Zillman: Works by Paul Myoda. On display through Dec. 31.

OCTOBER 2: Kickoff for the Queen City Piano Project, organized by Launchpad. Four pianos, all transformed into public art by local artists, will be installed in parks and public places for the month of October, for anyone to play. For more information, visit wearelaunchpad.org.

OCTOBER 2 AND 3: Robinson Ballet presents “5x5,” modern dance performance, 7 p.m. both days at Coespace, 48 Columbia St. Donations accepted.

OCTOBER 2: Opening of exhibit of works by printmaker and Bangor Art Society member Amy Guadagnoli, up through December at the Boyd Place Gallery, Boyd Place at the Phillips Strickland House, 21 Boyd St. Free and open to the public.

OCTOBER 3, 10, 17, 24 AND 31: ARTober Kids, 1:30-3 p.m. each Saturday in October at the Maine Discovery Museum. Each week will feature a different project; free with admission to the MDM.

OCTOBER 3: Bangor Community Chorus performance, 2 p.m. at the Bangor Public Library. Free and open to the public.

OCTOBER 3: Launchpad’s First Saturday Art Opening, featuring local photographer Jodi Renshaw, 7-9 p.m. at the Central Gallery, 89 Central St.; art up through Nov. 1.

OCTOBER 5 AND 21, Public Art and History Tour of the Bangor International Airport; 6 p.m. both days. Meet on second floor, behind escalator.

OCTOBER 6: Bangor Area Children’s Choir open rehearsal followed by demonstration of the St. John’s pipe organ, 5:15 p.m. at St. John’s Episcopal Church. Free and open to the public.

OCTOBER 6: Die Schnapsidee, Bangor Band German-style polka ensemble performance, 7 p.m. at Nocturnem Draft Haus, Main Street. Free and open to all ages.

OCTOBER 6: Identify: Women Invigorating Curriculum and Creating Diversity Art Show, Eastport Hall, UMA-Bangor campus.

OCTOBER 6: Bangor Greendrinks, 5-8 p.m., Epic Sports, Central Street, downtown Bangor. \$5 donation accepted at the door.

OCTOBER 7: Thomas Hill Standpipe fall foliage tour, 3-6 p.m. Free and open to the public.

OCTOBER 7: Commission on Cultural Development Education Workshop: Marketing, Networking, & Representation for Artists, 6-7:30 p.m., Bangor Public Library. Free and open to the public.

OCTOBER 10-18: Opening of Student Art Exhibition at the Bangor Mall, featuring work from students at Bangor High School, the Indian Island School, Husson University, and Eastern Maine Community College. Art on display through Oct. 18. Sponsored by the Commission for Cultural Development and the Maine Community Foundation.

OCTOBER 10: “Making Jewelry from an Old Copper Roof,” jewelry making workshop with artisan Roxanne Munksgaard, noon, Maine Jewelry & Art, 100 Harlow St.

OCTOBER 10: Bangor historian Dick Shaw presents a talk, “The Brady Gang in Bangor,” noon-1 p.m. Bangor Historical Society, 159 Main St. Free. Bring a lunch.

OCTOBER 10: Her Majesty’s Cabaret Five Year Anniversary Party and Mini-Film Festival, 8-11 p.m. at Coespace, 48 Columbia Street. Screening at 9 p.m. of a selection of HMC’s many comedic short films from over the years. Donations accepted.

OCTOBER 11: Norumbega Collective presents a reading from poets Seth Landman and Jess Fjeld, 7 p.m. at the Central Gallery, 89 Central St. Free.

OCTOBER 13: The Bangor Symphony Orchestra presents performance from percussionist and composer John Mehrmann, 7 p.m., Nocturnem Draft Haus, 56 Main St. Free, open to the public.

OCTOBER 14: Mindful Sketching with Kay Carter, open sketching class, 3-5 p.m. at the Bangor Land Trust Office, 8 Harlow St.

OCTOBER 2: ARTober Kickoff Party, 7-10 p.m., Union Street Brick Church. Featuring music from Bangor area groups including bluegrass band Nevah and Celtic rockers the Galley Rats, dance performances from Robinson Ballet and the Haus of Paradigm and short film screenings. Free and open to all ages; refreshments and cash bar available.

OCTOBER 14: Opening of October Art Haus Show at the Art Haus Gallery at Nocturnem Draft Haus, featuring Cornapple, aka Art Gowie, graphic designer, painter and illustrator. 7 p.m.

OCTOBER 15: “Girls on Fire: Queering Katniss and Exploding Diversity in Young Adult Dystopia,” lecture and discussion, 12 p.m., Eastport Hall, UMA Bangor.

OCTOBER 15: Comma Carnage! An Oxford-style debate on the Oxford Comma, presented by the Maine Writers and Publishers Alliance and the Kirby Family Foundation. 6:30 p.m., at Coespace on Columbia St., free. Debaters include Cultural Commissioner and writer Tom Avila, against the Oxford Comma, and MWPA assistant director Stephen Abbott, in favor.

OCTOBER 15: Bangor Art Society Art Auction, 6-8 p.m. at the Gracie Theatre at Husson University. Bid on work by the Bangor Art Society, to benefit the group.

OCTOBER 16: Claddagh Harpers, Celtic harp group; two performances, at noon, at the Bangor Public Library, and 3 p.m. at Bangor International Airport on second floor behind escalator. Both concerts free.

OCTOBER 16-17: Bangor Book Festival, two nights of talks, signings and workshops with Maine writers and illustrators. Events held at the Bangor Public Library and several other locations; like the Bangor Book Festival on Facebook for a full schedule.

OCTOBER 16: Penobscot Contra dance featuring varied bands and callers, beginner’s session 7:30 p.m., full dance 8 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church on Park Street. \$8 per person, \$20 for a family.

OCTOBER 17: Local music showcase featuring Bellyache and other heavy rock bands, 9 p.m. at the Central Gallery, 89 Central St. Free, donations accepted.

OCTOBER 18: Geaghan’s Pub and Brewery ARTober Beer Dinner, 5:30 p.m. at Geaghan’s Pub on Main Street. Tickets \$50 each, celebrating art in beer and food. Tickets available at Geaghan’s.

OCTOBER 18: Waterfront Concerts presents Motley Crue and Alice Cooper at the Cross Insurance Center, 7 p.m. Tickets available via Ticketmaster.

OCTOBER 20: The Bangor Symphony Orchestra presents classical ensemble the Ceolta Cello Duo, 7 p.m. at Nocturnem Draft Haus, 56 Main St. Free and open to the public.

OCTOBER 21: Mindful Sketching with Kay Carter, open sketching class, 3-5 p.m. at a Bangor Land Trust preserve; contact the Bangor Land Trust at 942-1010 for more information.

OCTOBER 21: Maine Discovery Museum After Dark 6-9 p.m. Sip beer and enjoy adult-centric events at the Museum! \$10.

OCTOBER 23: “Beyond Tattooing,” an open studio show featuring tattoo artists from Diversified Ink showing their non-tattoo work; 6-9 p.m. at Diversified Ink, Penobscot Plaza, Washington Street. Free and open to the public.

OCTOBER 23: River City Cinema and the Bangor Symphony Orchestra present the Maine premiere of “But Not For Me,” winner of the Audience Award at the 2015 Brooklyn Film Festival. Starring BSO guest violinist Elena Urioste. 7 p.m. at Coespace, 48 Columbia St. Free and open to the public, with Skype Q&A with Urioste afterwards.

OCTOBER 24 AND 26: Robinson Ballet “Thriller” dance class; learn all the moves to Michael Jackson’s classic dance from “Thriller.” 11 a.m. Oct. 24 and 6:30 p.m. Oct. 26 at the Robinson Ballet studios at the corner of Union and Main Streets. Classes are free and open to the public.

OCTOBER 24: Bangor Public Art Walking Tour, visiting select public art and monuments throughout downtown Bangor, 2-4 p.m.; led by experts from the Bangor Historical Society and the Commission on Cultural Development. Donations accepted.

OCTOBER 24: Opening night for Penobscot Theatre Company’s “Dr. Cerberus,” Maine premiere new play, at the Bangor Opera House. Performances continue Wednesdays through Nov. 8. Tickets available via penobscottheatre.org or by calling 942-3333.

OCTOBER 24 AND 25: Paraween, Bangor-based Haus of Paradigm alternative bellydance show, 8 p.m. Oct. 24 and 25 at the Next Generation Theatre in Brewer, with a preview show 8 p.m. Oct. 23 at Nocturnem Drafaus in Bangor. Admission at the door.

OCTOBER 26: The Maine Photo Project exhibit at the Bangor Public Library, “Lumbermen and Rusticators: Maine’s Nineteenth-century Transition from Wilderness to Vacationland,” opening Oct. 26, running through Dec. 30.

OCTOBER 27: The Bangor Symphony Orchestra presents BSO music director Lucas Richman on piano and French chantreuse vocalist Joelle Morris, exploring music from Edith Piaf to Broadway, as well as a sneak preview of the BSO’s production of Puccini’s “La Boheme.” 7 p.m. at Nocturnem Draft Haus. Free and open the public.

OCTOBER 27: Artist talk and lecture by Native American artists on Wabanaki art, 5:30-7 p.m. at the Four Points Sheraton. Please RSVP by emailing teddijann@gmail.com.

OCTOBER 27: The Breakbeat Poets, hip hop and poetry workshop, open mic and conversation, 3-6:30 p.m., Eastport Hall, UMA Bangor.

OCTOBER 27: Lunar Cycling Full Moon Bike Ride, begins at 8 p.m., meet at Broadway Park near the corner of French and Park Streets. An easy ride for cyclists of all skill levels, to explore the city by moonlight. Helmets and reflective gear required.

OCTOBER 29: Reception for the annual Maine Discovery Museum Art Auction, 4:30-7:30 p.m. Art from the auction will be on display; absentee bids may be placed on items at this time.

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OCTOBER 30 AND 31: BanGOREfest, a two-day convention on horror movies, 6-10 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday at the Cross Insurance Center. Organized by the Bangor Comic & Toy Con, featuring tabletop and video games, movie screenings and tons of vendors. Visit bangorcomictoycon.com for more information and ticket prices.

OCTOBER 30, 31 AND NOV. 1: “Shuddersome: Tales of Poe,” a Penobscot Theatre Dramatic Academy youth production, 5 p.m. Oct. 30., 4 p.m. Oct. 31, 11 a.m. Nov. 1 at the Bangor Opera House.

OCTOBER 31: Penobscot Theatre presents “Creating a Character,” a master acting class with visiting artist Mark Chambers, 10:30 a.m.-noon at the Bangor Opera House rehearsal space. \$25; space is limited, for reservations call 942-6618.

OCTOBER 31: Historical tours of the Bangor Opera house, 1 and 2 p.m., led by Penobscot Theatre staff and volunteers. \$10 per person; for reservations call 942-6618.

OCTOBER 31: Downtown Bangor Partnership Halloween festivities; includes trick or treating at downtown businesses and costume parade in the afternoon, and adult activities at night.

OCTOBER 31: Halloween party with They Called Me Legion, 9 p.m. at the Central Gallery, 89 Central St. Wear costumes! Donations accepted.



VENUES.....

1. Maine Discovery Museum [74 Main Street]

2. Bangor Opera House/Penobscot Theatre [131 Main Street]

3. Union Street Brick Church [107 Union Street]

4. Coespace [48 Columbia Street]

5. Bangor Public Library [145 Harlow Street]

6. Cross Insurance Center [515 Main Street]*

7. Nocturnem Draft Haus [56 Main Street]

8. Eastport Hall, UMA Bangor [65 Texas Avenue]*

9. St. John’s Episcopal Church [225 French Street]*

10. Gracie Theatre, Husson University [1 College Circle]*
11. 58 Main St. Gallery Space [58 Main Street]

12. Central Gallery [89 Central Street]

13. The Rock & Art Shop [36 Central Street]

14. Unitarian Universalist Church [120 Park Street]

15. Four Points Sheraton [308 Godfrey Boulevard]*

16. Bangor International Airport [308 Godfrey Boulevard]*

17. Boyd Place at the Phillips Strickland House [21 Boyd Street]*

18. Epic Sports [6 Central Street]

19. Bangor Mall [663 Stillwater Avenue]*

20. Thomas Hill Standpipe [Thomas Hill Road]*
21. Maine Jewelry & Art [100 Harlow Street]

22. Diversified Ink [51 Washington Street]

23. The Juice Cellar [76 Main Street]

24. Robinson Ballet Studios [107 Union Street]

25. Bangor Historical Society [159 Union Street]

26. Bangor Land Trust offices [8 Harlow Street]

27. Geaghan’s Brewpub [570 Main Street]

28. University of Maine Museum of Art [40 Harlow Street]

* Note: See full city map for general location.